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For: OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND  
ITS APPLIED OPTICAL SYSTEMS**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Rewrite claim 11 as follows:

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11. (Once Amended) Optical-fiber communication equipment according to claim 1, wherein:

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said laser light source is located at a position that is shifted from an optical axis of the means for changing light of the laser light source to a parallel plane wave to form a parallel light path; or a normal line of an incident end face for said wavelength selection means or the laser-light dividing means is located so that the normal line crosses the optical axis of the means for changing light of the laser